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Convicted felon designed EPA's playbook for faking science

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Everything the public believes about President Obama's Environmental Protection Agency is wrong - the only thing that powerful agency protects is its royal kingdom, ruling over the American economy with the highest-cost rules in the nation's entire bureaucracy.

And the promised huge benefits of EPA's rule-making were wildly overstated in rule after rule using a tactic invented by John Beale, a corrupt high EPA official - now a convicted and imprisoned felon for pretending to be a CIA agent while doing no work and living lavishly on the EPA executive payroll - with the complicity, urging and praise of agency elites including EPA boss Gina McCarthy.

America, we've been swindled.

The day after my July 1 column rebuking the EPA's empire-building, I received a number of EPA and congressional documents and letters that indicated I hadn't dug deep enough.

They came from Washington attorney Christopher Horner, iconic watchdog famous for using the Freedom of Information Act to expose EPA's skullduggery - including former administrator Lisa Jackson's false email identity, "Richard Windsor."

Horner is now the go-to guy "for EPA employee informal whistleblowers who provide public records the agency prefers not see the light of day," as he told me.

The key letter, date-stamped March 4, 2013, shows Sen. David Vitter, R-La., and Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, warning then-assistant EPA administrator Gina McCarthy that they had investigated and knew about the horrifying quandary that now faces all of America: EPA's glittering promise that its clean air rules will generate \$2 trillion in benefits through 2020 and its pledge that benefits will exceed costs by a ratio of 30-to-1 are flat lies.

We're not going to get those benefits and we're paying dearly to be cheated - time after time. EPA has used its overstatement trick more than 30 times to betray the public trust with expensive and onerous new regulations.

The source verified my comparison and added that bigger benefit claims came with each new co-benefit bucket, all justified by the same two antique, invisible Cancer Society and Harvard studies that may be more science fiction than science.

That's appalling. It's like some warped, nightmarish Disney Irish Fantasia: the leprechaun pot of gold at rainbow's end meets the sorcerer's apprentice.

We've been fed illusions of benefits that don't exist by EPA's ruthless regime for many years now. Beale is idolized as a hero at the agency. To this day EPA defends the trickery and scientific deception pushed by federal inmate number 33005-016 at Cumberland Federal Correctional Institution. That's true heart rot in our government.

The quandary: What do we do about it? Storming the EPA Bastille at Washington's Federal Triangle with torches and pitchforks is not an option. But it is only right and proper that honest, hard-working Americans never again trust or respect the EPA or its minions or its supporters.

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